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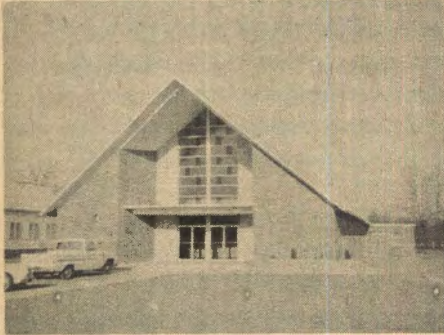
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First Baptist Church of Gravel Ridge dedicated their new auditorium March 27th, with "Uncle Purl" Stockton, superintendent of the Union Rescue Mission of Little Rock, as guest speaker. Pastor of the church is Bro. Jack Livingston, and Clarence L. Phillips is chairman of the Building Committee. The church is in a pastor-led revival this week, with Mark Short directing the music.

SIMULTANEOUS CRUSADE

The following churches from our Association will be taking part in the simultaneous crusade in Arkansas, April 3rd through 17th:

- Amboy—Rev. Arnold Teel—10-17
 - Cedar Heights—Rev. Ronald Raines—6-10.
 - Central—Rev. Jerre Hassell—3-10
 - Chapel Hill—Rev. Ed Hinkson—3-10
 - 47th Street—Rev. Curtis Mathis—10-17
 - Grace—Rev. R. E. Fowler—3-10
 - Highway—Rev. Ken. Tierce—11-17
 - Jacksonville 2nd—Rev. George Hurst—3-10
 - North Little Rock 1st—Rev. J. C. Myers—10-17
 - Pike Avenue—Rev. R. H. Dorris—10-17
 - Sherwood 1st—Layman-led and weekend youth team—10-17
 - Sylvan Hills—Rev. George E. Pirtle—11-17
- Other churches having revivals scheduled during April are: Bayou Meto, Doug and Dean Dickens, April 22-24; Levy, Rev. William West, April 17-24; and Park Hill, Dr. C. A. Roberts, April 17-24.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

April 18th, Gravel Ridge, at 7:15
 Conferences will be held for each age group
 Subject: Church—Home Cooperation

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

- 3-17 Simultaneous Revivals
 - 7 WMU Executive Board, Park Hill, 10 A.M.
 - 10 Easter Sunday
 - 14 WMU Rally, Calvary, 9:45 A.M.—Noon
 - 18 Executive Board Meeting, Gravel Ridge, 6:30 P.M.
 - 18 Sunday School Rally, Gravel Ridge, 7:15 P.M.
 - 24 Life Commitment Sunday
 - 24 Associational Hymn Playing and Hymn Leading Tournament
 - 25 YWA Rally, Jacksonville Second, 7:00 P.M.
 - 26 GA Rally, NLR First, 6:45 P.M.
 - 26 Library Meeting, Pike Avenue, 7:00 P.M.

SILOAM SPRINGS ASSEMBLY

It is time to be making your vacation plans, and at the top of the list should be our Associational camp at Siloam Springs, July 4th through 9th. The main speaker for the week will be Dr. Robert Scales, from Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, an outstanding youth speaker who has spoken often in our Southern Baptist Convention. The morning devotional speaker will be Rev. Damon Shooke, of Park Place Baptist Church, Hot Springs. Cost of the camp is \$16.50, which includes registration, dormitory, meals and insurance. Every church that brings as many as five is asked to bring a counselor. It will be a great week.

NEWS OF ASSOCIATIONAL INTEREST

We welcome to our Association Bro. Ed Hinkson, who recently assumed the pastorate of Chapel Hill Baptist Church in Jacksonville. Bro. Hinkson is a graduate of Ouachita, attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth for several years, and has pastored at South Side Baptist Church in Heber Springs and a mission of Stuttgart First Baptist. He is married to the former Sandra Polos of North Little Rock.

We also welcome Rev. Henry Evans, formerly of Spradlin Baptist Church of Fort Smith, who will become pastor of Bethany on April 15th.

Mrs. C. D. Denham and sons wish to thank the North Pulaski Baptist Association for the lovely flowers at the funeral of Rev. Denham.

Rev. A. S. Haney, Associational Training Union Director, reports that 92 were in attendance at the recent Rally at Amboy Church.

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 21, 1966	
February 21, 1966—Cash Balance	\$4,406.84
Offerings February 21-March 21, 1966:	
Amboy Baptist	\$ 275.72
Baring Cross Baptist	256.13
Berea Baptist	18.00
Bethany Baptist	36.17
Calvary Baptist	95.21
Cedar Heights Baptist	41.00
Central Baptist	110.00
Chapel Hill Baptist	9.72
Crystal Valley Baptist	38.94
First Baptist, Jacksonville	36.82
Forty-Seventh Street Baptist	30.94
Grace Baptist	22.62
Gravel Ridge Baptist	33.04
Graves Memorial Baptist	84.00
Harmony Baptist	7.91
Hill Top Baptist	3.02
Levy Baptist	268.53
Morrison Chapel	13.93
Pike Avenue Baptist	100.00
Remount Baptist	16.38
Runyan Baptist Chapel	33.29
Second Baptist, Jacksonville	49.26
Sherwood Baptist	21.42
Sixteenth Street Baptist	9.76
Stanfill Baptist	4.00
Sylvan Hills Baptist	36.66

Total Offerings	\$1,652.47
Total Funds Available	\$6,059.31
Disbursements:	
American National Bank—Lakewood	\$ 600.00
L. R. Baptist Student Union	83.33
Home Mission Board—Pastoral Aid in Michigan—March	37.50
Runyan Baptist Chapel—Pastoral Aid—March	25.00
Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine—March	17.50
Mrs. Betty Welch—Asso. Secretry	50.00
Daylight Doughnut Shop—Donuts & Cups Brotherhood	13.20
Arkansas Baptist State Convention—Asso. Youth Retreat	150.00
Cabot Florists—Flowers Denham Service	6.18
Total Disbursements	982.71
March 21, 1966—Cash Balance	\$5,076.60
Mrs. T. A. Spencer, Treasurer	

HYMN PLAYING AND SONG LEADING TOURNAMENT

April 24th, 2 P.M., at Levy Baptist Church

- Six Divisions:
 - Junior High Piano
 - Senior High Piano
 - Junior High Organ
 - Senior High Organ
 - Junior High Song Leading
 - Senior High Song Leading

Based on Hymns of the Month—1966. Baptist Hymnal Numbers: 7, 19, 130, 138, 143, 147, 161, 177, 276, 390, 422.

Be prepared also to sight-read a hymn selected by the judges.

At the Executive Board meeting on March 21st, it was reported that the State Executive Board was planning to purchase the property in Little Rock for BSU work, thus releasing the Association from their commitment for part of the down payment. A proposal to sponsor an apartment project under the National Housing Act was presented for discussion only.

Brightening dawn

"DEATH is a black camel that kneels at every man's tent," says an ancient Syrian proverb.

The dawn of every Easter glows a little brighter than any that has gone before. For every year finds more and more of our loved ones and friends going to be with the Lord. But for nearly two thousand years, now, Death has been unmasked. Christians of every generation can ask triumphantly: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

Does anyone ever live a year without having his heart saddened in bereavement? Death comes close to you as he summons those you have known and loved across the years.

In a little more than two weeks, recently, I lost three dear friends—two fellow ministers and a minister's wife. For the ministers, the end came unexpectedly as they were enjoying an hour or two of recreation on golf courses. First it was Dr. Cecil Culver, Arkansas Methodist leader who had given himself unstintingly in the battles of Churches United Against Gambling, as well as to the fervent preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Then, less than a week later, it was my dear Baptist preacher friend, Dr. James T. Draper, pastor of First Church, Warren.

Just last week the summons came for Mrs. C. Gordon Bayless, whom my wife and I had known and loved for many years while her husband was our pastor, at Central Church, North Little Rock. Mrs. Bayless was a talented, consecrated Christian lady with a wonderful sense of humor. I called her "Mrs. Preach," which she responded to good humoredly. This name was appropriate for her not only because she was the helpmeet of a great preacher, but because she was herself a good "preacher."

Time fails us to mention many other dear ones who were with us a year ago but no longer walk with us.

But thanks to the risen and reigning Lord, for those of us who have the Christian hope death holds no terror. And this is a hope the Lord died and rose again to make available to all who will accept it from him in simple faith.

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

DO you feel that all your church, your denomination, cares about is money? Then Joe L. Ingram's article on page 8 will be of special interest to you. Writing on "Tithing Excuses and Answers," Mr. Ingram gives a few Bible references that will help dissolve your excuses if you are not a tither.

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IT happened in a Southern Baptist Church in Annandale, Va., Ravensworth Church. Members were asked to join with those belonging to other denominations in a Fair Housing Campaign, to remove the "white noose." The interesting story of what followed is told by the pastor, Elmer S. West Jr., on pages 5 and 28.

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VOLUNTARY prayers in public schools and other public buildings would be permitted under a proposed constitutional amendment proposed by Senator Dirkson of Illinois. A report on the measure by the Baptist Press is on page 15.

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WITH the Convention at Detroit less than a month away, it is time for the churches to select their messengers and secure the proper credentials, which are now in the hands of Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas Convention. Information on credentials and on the issues facing Southern Baptists is on pages 16, 17 and 18.

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AN application of religion to world crisis was the over-all emphasis at the "Christianity and World Issues" seminar last week in New York. The Editor was among the Arkansans who attended the session and brings you a full account on pages 6 and 7.

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'Evangelism necessary?'

IN a thought-provoking article entitled "Is Evangelism Necessary, or Even Desirable?" in *Presbyterian Survey* for March 1966, Herbert Meza, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Texas City, Tex., concludes:

"If we are truly concerned for man, as our Lord was, then evangelism is not necessary, it is indispensable. . . . In the presence of man and gods there is no retreat from evangelism."

But Mr. Meza lets it be known that he does not "buy" everything that happens to be called "evangelism." He insists that evangelism "must take into account man's total needs."

Continues Mr. Meza:

"Evangelism is the response born out of the fact that the Christian has the only complete answer to the Macedonian call of that man sitting by a shattered window, half sick of gods, with the 'time bomb' ticking by his side. It is one 'beggar telling another beggar' where to find help."

Declaring that there are many causes for the lack of results in evangelism, Mr. Meza sees the primary cause as "always the failure of responsible love." "Too often we do not care enough for people," he emphasizes. "So we latch on to other motives. But any other motive than this will run a thousand risks in today's free market."

"Much contemporary evangelism is more concerned about out-achieving the other gods than man. The presence of other clamoring gods, therefore, poses a terrible temptation to the church's mission."

As an example of despicable motivation, he tells of a group of patrons who sponsor an evangelist in Mexico, and who brought the missionary to Houston, Tex., to speak. They gave as their reason for supporting the missionary that "for every Christian convert there is one less communist."

Adds Pastor Meza: "That kind of evangelistic imperative runs the risk of being more interested in religious imperialism than in human needs; more interested in proselytes than in people; more eager to evangelize heathens than in rescuing humans; more apt to follow the call of duty and gallop off in the wrong direction than to heed the cry of derelicts. And in the end it will lose by default. Men will fight rather than switch gods unless we can convey to them that God can satisfy their human predicament."

Evangelism, says Meza, "is not just saying good things about our God. All the other 'evangelists' do this. Nor is evangelism merely doing something good for man. That claim is not peculiar to Christianity alone. It is rather following the example of Christ and getting involved responsibly in the affairs of man. And more, it is inviting other men to commit themselves to Christ and join him in the service of their fellow man. To

remain aloof, to decline Christ's invitation to become involved (John 17:18) is to proclaim to the world that God is senile or at least spell his name with a small 'g.'

"There is no sanctuary to which we can retire to enjoy our deliverance. If we wish to make God's presence real, we must become involved."

Church's influence

THE writer of a Sunday School lesson for a Baptist weekly in another state wrote recently:

"No loyalty to job, political party, community customs, neighbors, family, or anything else must conflict with our devotion to Jesus Christ. Perhaps we need to emphasize this more in our evangelism. We might have fewer additions to our churches for a while, but perhaps our churches would become once again a powerful, leavening force in the world."

But if the church is to be "a powerful, leavening force in the world," must it not exert its influence outside the four walls of the church building—even in jobs, political affairs, community customs, neighborhoods and in family life—through the lives of its members?

Strange picketing

THE first meeting of the heads of the Anglican and the Roman Catholic churches since 1534 was a strange occasion for protest picketing. The picketing seemed all the more uncalled for in that it involved clergymen not members of either church—two British Baptists.

Dr. Michael Ramsey, leader of the Church of England, and Pope Paul VI do not envision any early merging of the two churches into one organization—there still are too many differences in doctrine and practice. But they do not see why there should continue to be a feeling of mutual ill will between the two churches.

We say, If the Catholics and Anglicans can love one another, let them love!

Editorialette . . .

THE absence of humility casts doubts upon the validity of one's convictions, for one intuitively feels that those ideas are most likely to be true which are expressed within the framework of real respect for different points of view. As one person has put it, "Let us remember that he does not really believe his own opinion who does not give free scope to his opponent. . . . He who stifles free discussion secretly doubts what he professes to believe is really true."—James F. Cole, editor, *Baptist Message* (Louisiana)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the people **SPEAK**

THE spelling and sentence structure in this department are those of the writers. The only editing of letters to the editor is the writing of headlines and, occasionally, deletion of parts that are not regarded as essential.

Church Growth Plan



CONTINUING CONCERN AT WORK **CHURCH GROWTH PLAN**

THE accompanying reproduction of the Church Growth Plan Emblem is being made available to you for uses which you might have in interpreting the Church Growth Plan and encouraging its use by the churches.

Several pertinent facts concerning this forthcoming outreach emphasis are:

1. This Church Growth emphasis is a plan developed by all church program organizations and provides for appropriate involvement of all forces which operate within a church.

2. The Church Growth Plan is not a short term, growth project. It is a carefully planned and fully programmed emphasis upon church growth involving all program organizations in the churches. It is presently conceived to be a five-year plan. If results suggest that we are meeting a distinctive church and denominational need—it is hoped that

additional year's emphasis might be added and guidance materials provided.

3. All interpretive and guidance materials needed by the churches will be made available by direct mail to pastors, educational workers, and associational leadership approximately June 1.

4. A special dramatic interpretation will be a part of the Southern Baptist Convention program in Detroit, Mich. This is presently scheduled for one hour on Wednesday evening. Some materials will be distributed at that time.

5. The Sunday School Superintendent's Package is a merchandise item available May 15 through the Baptist Book Stores. The cost is \$2.25 per package. These guidance materials provide full assistance for use in planning a new and more positive emphasis upon outreach and church growth.

6. Sunday School Leadership Preparation Week scheduled for Sept. 19-23 will give major attention in the suggested activities to church growth and more particularly the Church Growth Plan as means for implementing outreach actions.—A. V. Washburn, Secretary Education Division, Sunday School Dept. The S. S. Board of SBC, Nashville, Tenn.

From Mississippi

I READ with interest an account of your recent publication. [Across the Editor's Desk]

Several state papers come to me each week but none is more refreshing, informative and attractive than the Arkansas Baptist.

You would be interested to know that my work goes well here at Mississippi College. I enjoy each facet of the work, especially the privilege of appearing in nearly one hundred churches in the state to date.

I am associated with a great man as president in the capacity of his assistant.

I remember you and all the fine fellows in Arkansas most pleasantly.—C. Z. Holland, assistant to the President, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.

REPLY: Thanks, C. Zed! We love you and we miss you. We pray that your work in your old home state shall continue to prosper.—ELM

Our negro problem

THE government is doing everything in its power to encourage the education and development of the Negro in

every way. If the government can it will do even more! The Negro finds it very difficult to meet the educational standards of our white schools, which he must do if he is to compete for jobs on an equal basis with others. This problem is not only southern but nationwide.

If the Negro cannot compete in the present public school structure there is a need for a type of school that will exercise the greater patience necessary to help overcome this inequality. If schools have the added factor of religious concern this is all the better.

Catholic schools have been preparing for years for just such a situation. They have the schools, the teachers, the facilities, the religious factor, and the ever-present drive to make more Catholics. This is also true of other denominations like the Lutherans and Episcopalians, though not on as vast a scale.

These people are not adverse to taking public money because they consider what they are doing as a public service. The question might be raised as to this public service factor, but the government and those who operate these schools take the position that it is a most strategic public service in face of a dire social problem that every possible effort must be made to overcome. Those who operate and control these schools will let others argue about the constitutional issues at stake while they go right on with their work enhancing their public image all the while and gaining the deep sympathy of everybody, including the courts.

Now, Baptists have ever been in the forefront of patriotic Americans. Our record in the Revolutionary War helped to put us on the way. At that time there were five times as many Baptists as Roman Catholics. We cannot any longer hide from or evade the real problem that exists. We, of all people, must do everything possible about this problem because most of the present Negro population who are anything as to church membership are Baptist.

This is fast changing and unless we help solve this problem the Negro leadership of the future will be Catholic and other than Baptist.

This should cause serious consideration when the statisticians tell us that by 1980 seven out of ten of our major cities will be predominantly Negro in population. By that time one-third of the population of the nation will be in these ten great cities. The Negroes will be able to control the vote and the government of these cities. These cities will have a powerful influence on the political trends of the nation.

What can we do? We must do everything we can to help solve this serious social problem! Simply to preach the gospel is not enough. We must not only open the doors of all of our Baptist schools to our Negro youth—we must do everything we can to encourage them to come. If they cannot compete

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OUR CHURCH AND FAIR HOUSING

BY ELMER S. WEST JR., PASTOR
RAVENSWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH
ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA

THIS is the account of the way some members of a Southern Baptist church responded to an unchristian situation in their community. The church is Ravensworth Baptist, in Annandale, Va., a suburb of Washington, D. C. More than 90 percent of our members are from the South. Members from each of the states of North and South Carolina and Georgia outnumber Virginians.

It is a much publicized fact that suburban areas of southern Maryland and northern Virginia form the "white noose" around the neck of the District of Columbia. However, our members were surprised when a Christian layman spoke to our Training Union and told us that the percentage of Negroes in the total population of metropolitan Washington has averaged a variation of only five points during the past 150 years! It has stayed between 25 and 30 percent. Other interesting but disturbing statistics indicate that the percentage of Negroes in the suburban population has dropped from 9 percent in 1950 to 6 percent in 1960.

Ministers lead

IN the summer of 1964 the ministers of 35 Annandale churches prayerfully sought to face up to the problem of segregated housing in our community. We felt we had to confront ourselves and our white congregations with the unchristian conditions into which we had drifted.

We agreed to sponsor a Fair Housing Campaign through all the churches whose ministers would participate. It was agreed that no pastor would ask for an endorsement from his church. He would request from his official board the privilege of sending to each adult member a personally written letter giving background information, a statement signed by all the participating ministers, and a card which said, "As a committed Christian I believe that every person has the moral right to purchase or rent a home anywhere without regard to race, religion, or national origin. I encourage financial institutions, home builders, apartment owners and real estate brokers to do business without discrimination. I will do my part to be a good neighbor to anyone moving into my community."

There was a place for the member to sign his name indicating his agreement with the statement.

There was a place for him to check if he was willing for his name to be used publicly.

Pastors of 29 of the 35 churches participated. The last week in September the cards and letters were mailed. Members were asked to bring their signed cards and present them during morning worship the following Sunday. On that day we were observing the Lord's Supper. I preached on the subject "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:25-37)

I entered the pulpit that morning with much prayer and more anxiety. I felt perhaps one in ten "heads of households" in the church would respond positively, but I had deep concern about those who would react negatively. To our surprise, approximately one-third of the adult members signed the card affirming their Christian conviction against discrimination in housing. More than half of those signing indicated that their names could be used publicly.

Two persons recorded their disagreement. One new member called a deacon to know if this was church policy. He was told that no vote of the church would be taken since this was felt to be a matter of personal soul-searching and decision.

Bold witness spreads

THE bold witness of a few spread, even as in the first century. By the spring of 1965 the Northern Virginia Committee on Fair Housing noting what had happened in the Annandale churches, launched a far broader campaign to confront the citizens of the area with the unchristian and undemocratic situation of which all of us were victims.

With limited financial support given sacrificially by many people the campaign got under way. March 5 was designated "Fair Housing Sunday." The newspapers, sniffing a developing crisis, gave full coverage. This was to be a dramatic confrontation. The following weekend canvassers would ring thousands of doorbells and present the fair housing pledge card asking for a signature on the spot. We were counseled not to be drawn into a debate but simply seek a straight "yes" or "no" on the issue.

On Fair Housing Sunday one hundred forty ministers preached on the subject, calling for commitments, for volunteer canvassers and, in a few cases, contributions were requested for the purchase of literature. On that day 1,500 persons volunteered to help take the canvass and \$5,000 of support was given. Final tabulations indicated that 2,500 canvassers visited 74,000 homes in Northern Virginia

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Christianity and world issues

NEW YORK CITY—The crying need of a world torn by wars and threats of wars is for an application of religion to world crises.

This seemed to be an over-all emphasis made by most of the speakers appearing on the program at the "Christianity and World Issues" seminar held here last week at the Church Center of the United Nations under the sponsorship of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Two world statesmen—one of the Jewish faith, Arthur Goldberg, U. S. ambassador to the United Nations, and former-governor-of-Minnesota Harold Stassen, a past president of the American (Northern) Baptist Convention—were agreed on this.

Said Mr. Goldberg: "There is no more important concern of religion than that of involvement with world issues. There can be no separation of religion from world issues. Our big problem is to put into practice what all of us preach."

Needed: moral climate

MR. Stassen pointed to the great responsibility of churches and church people for creating a moral climate for solution of world problems. He reminded that churches and ministers "helped to create the moral climate in Colonial America that made possible the establishment of the United States government on moral and Christian principles."

The United States action in Vietnam was described by Mr. Goldberg as being a police action, despite the extent of the operation. He said the United States is involved because of the failure of members of the United Nations to agree on U. N. policing, which would be the ideal way to handle the situation.

"We are in Vietnam to establish one thing," said the ambassador, "that international agreements must be kept."

Referring to a speaking engagement he filled recently on the campus of the University of California at Berkeley and the concern of friends that he might be molested, Mr. Goldberg said that it is unthinkable that one might not go anywhere in the United States and speak his opinions on any subject without restriction of any kind.

Mr. Goldberg described the Berkeley students as "the best behaved and the least convinced group I have ever seen."

Greater involvement

CALLING for greater involvement of college students in world affairs, Mr. Goldberg deplored the fact that many who take part in world issues, such as civil rights, while they are students, soon become

silent and inactive once they enter business or profession.

The United Nations deserves the full support of every one as the one great organization for world peace, Mr. Goldberg said. Although the U. N. has not succeeded in preventing all war, it has kept a general war from breaking out and has prevented or stopped numerous restricted wars, he said.

Mr. Goldberg pointed to numerous instances in which the U. N. has prevented or ended limited wars. He referred specifically to "the uneasy peace in the Sinai Peninsula"; the situation on Cyprus, "where 5,000 men in blue (U. N.) berets continue on police duty"; Korea, "with its continuing armistice"; and the India-Pakistan truce.

Only alternative

THE nations of the world are fast coming to realize that the only alternative to total peace is total destruction, Mr. Goldberg said.

One of the side benefits that may come from the Vietnam conflict is a general abandonment by nations of the instrument of violence for the settling of disputes, the ambassador said.

Declaring himself gravely concerned over the danger of the Vietnam conflict spreading, the ambassador said he was nonetheless optimistic about the eventual solution of the crisis. He envisioned a day when the Vietnamese people themselves will be permitted to decide in free and open balloting the type of government they are to have and when they will be assured of their security and freedom.

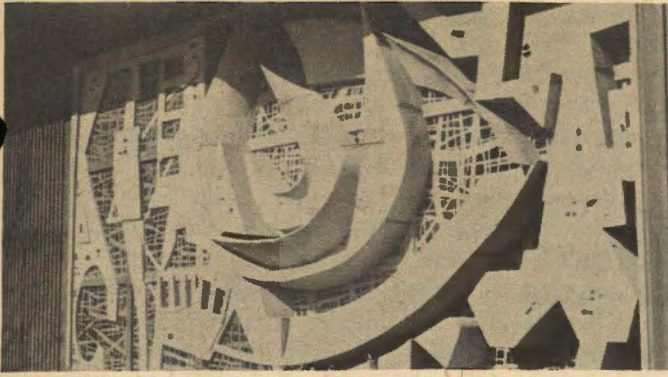
Policy of patience

MR. Stassen sees a need in Vietnam for a policy and program "characterized by patience, with the U. S. forces doing all in their power to quiet the war."

He deplored the present policy of "hunter, killer, bomber" orders, aimed at bombing everything thought to be a military object. But he said that he did not favor the United States pulling out and leaving the Vietnamese without their freedom. However, he is definitely opposed to any escalation of the war.

Declaring that the problem in Vietnam cannot be solved by force, Mr. Stassen proposed that the United States make educational opportunities available on a wide scale in Vietnam and offer amnesty to any Viet Cong soldiers who choose to quit the war and go to school.

He said that the people of Europe are definitely moving away from communism as they are gaining education and self-sufficiency and he predicted that



FACADE, Church Center, United Nations

the same trend could come in Africa and Asia.

"The totality of the gospel of Jesus Christ must be applied to the world situation, with Christians helping to alleviate suffering wherever it exists," said Mr. Stassen.

The only living signer of the United Nations charter, Mr. Stassen pointed to a moral responsibility of the United States and her citizens to give full support in helping to develop "a climate for modernizing and strengthening the United Nations."

Storms weathered

IN another address to the conference, Hunter College professor John Stoessinger, author, lecturer and refugee from communism, declared the United Nations has weathered severe storms in recent years, but has come through each crisis strengthened.

Stoessinger sees the need for Americans to be realistic in dealing with world politics. There may be times, he said, when a nation "may have to choose between its business interest on the one hand and moral issues on the other."

"In international politics," he said, "it is almost never possible to choose between good and evil, but only between varying degrees of evil. The moral dilemma this poses brings into focus the role of the churches in international life."

He deplored the futile practice of many who, not being in a position always to make a clear-cut choice between good and evil, in world affairs, refuse to choose the lesser of evils and isolate themselves from participation.

Christian responsibility

IN a keynote address, George Schweitzer, a University of Tennessee professor and a Southern Baptist layman, called for more Baptist involvement, not only with the peace issue, but in "all areas of life in a revolutionary world."

Christians have a responsibility of startling magnitude on such world issues as poverty, hunger, economic instability, loss of individualism, urbanization and racial justice, Dr. Schweitzer said.

Christians must approach such issues with "tough, well-informed minds and tender hearts," he said, and must "move on from pronouncements in these areas to practice."

"The world is tired of our blab," he said. "The

world is saying to us, 'Put up or shut up.'"

Dr. Schweitzer called on the 200 attending the seminar to "abandon any unconcern, self-preserving, ego-centric spirit of pugnacity" and to put the love of Christ into action.

Population growth

ANOTHER speaker, Richard M. Fagley of the World Council of Churches' commission on international affairs, outlined the awesome expansion of world population. He said that food production is not keeping pace with the population explosion.

Mr. Fagley called on church leaders to promote principles of ethics and morality on birth control, family planning, and the problems of the rapidly-expanding world population.

A noted marriage counselor, Dr. David R. Mace, saw a need for churches to develop a program of sex education aimed at teaching young people high personal standards of conduct.

A Negro professor from the faculty of Drew University—George D. Kelsey—declared that racism "is a faith, a system of idolatry at home inside the churches."

"In racism, the word of man is found, not the word of God," he said. "Racism is self-deification. It is decisive turning away from God. It is sinful man's final expression that he is by himself and for himself."

Two theological educators added their appeals to the appeals of others for more Christian involvement in world issues—Dr. Samuel Miller, dean of the Harvard Divinity School, and Dr. Roger L. Shinn, of the faculty of Union Theological Seminary, New York.

New kind of saint

DR. Miller declared, "We need a new kind of saint—one who will face the world and not turn away from it."

Dr. Shinn said that churches and church people "must adapt quickly or be left behind in modern history. Our God is a God of action." He predicted that the ethics of the church will be increasingly formed by laymen who know what is happening in the world. Preachers can no longer decide issues for their congregations, he said.

The conference closed with addresses by Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. Eugene Nida, translations secretary for the American Bible Society.

Dr. Cauthen said that Southern Baptists' missionary personnel overseas have three objectives: bearing witness to the transforming power in Jesus Christ; ministering to human need; and participating in the work of achieving brotherhood among men.

Dr. Nida warned that Christian involvement in the current affairs of men requires skillful communication with a wide diversity of groups.—ELM

TITHING EXCUSES AND ANSWERS



Old Testament . . . New Testament

both teach tithing

It's a matter of faith

EIGHT out of ten Southern Baptists don't tithel Are you among this multitude of non-tithing Baptists? If you don't tithe, why don't you? What's the real reason? Now don't give the same one you gave your pastor, or your Sunday School teacher, or the two fellow members who stopped by to talk to you about your dedication card. Give out what you really think.

Are you the person who sidesteps the main issue

by feeling that all your church or denomination cares about is money? Well, you're not by yourself—many others believe the same thing. The truth is that the only interest the church has in money is the part money plays in making possible the spread of the gospel. It costs \$10,000 to keep one missionary on a foreign field for one year. One hundred new missionaries represent a need for an additional \$1,000,000. Yes, your church cares about money, but only as that money makes possible more missionaries; better Baptist colleges and seminaries; more adequate care for the sick and the dying, the underprivileged, and the discouraged; and in general, doing the ministry of Christ in the world today.

Or, you may be the one who really feels that tithing is not explicitly taught in the New Testament. The Old Testament specifically teaches tithing. (Genesis 28:20-22; Leviticus 27:30-34; Malachi 3:8-10) Concerning tithing in the New Testament, Merrill Moore explains:

"Tithing was strictly practiced by the Pharisees and other Jews in New Testament times. It was necessary for Jesus to rebuke hypocrisy then, but it was not necessary for him to further emphasize tithing, which they all were doing already . . . Tithing did not commence with the Jewish economy and does not end with it. A law remains a law until it is annulled. For the law of the tithe to stand in this dispensation, it is not necessary that it be repeated, but only that it not be countermanded in the New Testament. Instead of reversal, repeal, or abrogation, we find fulfillment and reinforcement."

You might be like still others who say, "I believe the Bible teaches tithing, but it takes all I make to live. I just can't afford it right now . . . maybe someday." Most people are in your shoes as far as not having enough money is concerned. Tithing is a matter of faith in God's personal concern for your life. Why not read the sixth chapter of Matthew and see what Jesus says about the sparrows and the lilies of the field. Paul said the Christian people of Macedonia gave out of their poverty. You trusted Him to save you, why not trust Him enough to do as He commands concerning the tithe.

One word of caution seems appropriate here: when you start tithing, don't expect the Lord to immediately solve all your financial problems. Nowhere in the Bible does God promise a bonus, a raise, or a refund. Tithing is simply taking advantage of the opportunity to invest in the Lord's business.

Henry Drummond once wrote; "Half the world is on the wrong scent in the pursuit of happiness. They think it consists in having, and getting, and in being served by others . . . It consists in giving, and in serving others . . ."—Joe L. Ingram

Des Arc dedicates sanctuary



DES ARC First Church dedicated its new sanctuary Mar. 6. The building replaces an older one built in 1912.

Speaker was Clyde Hankins, former pastor and retired missionary to Brazil. Building committee members were: Archie Patterson, chairman, Charles Bacon, Willis Eddins, Billy M. Garth, Alvin Green, Raymond Ingram, N. C. Roe, Guy Mitchell, Wayne Tate and Alvin Wray. Ernest Banton is pastor.

The sanctuary is of contempo-

rary architecture with block buff brick, laminated beams and multi-colored stain glass construction. The interior is decorated in medium oak and off-white colors with red upholstered pews, red carpet and multi-colored tile.

The main floor has a seating capacity of 430, the choir loft 30 and the balcony 50. The building also contains two nurseries and rest rooms. The sanctuary is connected to a new educational building and an old educational building by a covered walkway.

We're in the 'Digest'

ARKANSAS Baptist News magazine has been notified that a quote from the paper appears on page 227 of the April issue of *The Reader's Digest*:

"April 15 is Washington's way of creating the rainy day we're always saving for."

ANGELA Hooper, Mena, a junior home economics major at Ouachita University, was elected president of the Arkansas Home Economics Association during the recent annual state convention in Little Rock.

Baptist programs on air

RADIO Station KDRS, Paragould, is now carrying six programs from the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The station is owned and operated by Ted Rand.

Program director is Miss Wilma Wheelis.

Programs are: "International Sunday School Lesson," "Perspectives in Education," "Music to Remember," "Arkansas Newsbreak," "Master Control," and "The Baptist Hour."

Send picture, please

MOTHER of the Year entries must be accompanied by a photograph, according to members of the committee to select the outstanding Baptist mother in Arkansas.

April 15 is the final date for entries to reach the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock, Ark.

A spokesman for the committee, members of which are secret, said that the pictures of entries should be recent.

PASTOR George McGhehey, Vines Chapel Church, and Mrs. McGhehey celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Mar. 27 with open house at their home in Walnut Ridge.

To Pine Bluff

JAMES B. Johnson, minister of music and education for First Church, Blytheville, for seven years, has resigned to accept the call of First Church, Pine Bluff, to become minister of education, effective May 31.



MR. JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson attended Southwestern University, Memphis, and was graduated from Ouachita University. He holds the Master of Education Degree from West Texas State University, Canyon, Tex., and attended Southwestern Seminary.

He is currently serving on the Executive Board of the Arkansas State Convention. He has written Intermediate and Young People's materials for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are natives of Arkansas. They have two sons, Jim Paul, 16, and Joel David, 12.

One session of the WMU

BY BETTY WOODS

THOUGHTS and impressions on a morning visit to the Woman's Missionary Union at Pine Bluff:

First Church is a tremendous building and a handsome one. The hostess ladies were friendly and helpful and most attractive in their dark dresses and purple capes.

We took great pride in the Baptist Building workers on hand. Although we've seen enough of their work to know their extreme dedication and efficiency, we were tempted to believe Nancy Cooper and her staff were chosen for their style and attractiveness. Hoyt Mulkey has a voice we could listen to for hours, and DeLois White is one of Arkansas' finest organists.

Operation teen-age

TOO well we all know the teen-agers' response to "don't-do-this" and "don't-do-that." It's: "Don't knock it till you've tried it!"

The panel from Arkansas State Penitentiary at Cummins has tried it and they knock it strongly. Started by Dan Stephens, former prison farm superintendent, and continued by his successor, O. E. Bishop, the panel features Mr. A., Mr. B., Mr. C. and Mr. D., telling why they are spending their lives behind bars. The panel brings one of the most graphic arguments against juvenile delinquency that could be found anywhere. Every teen-ager in the state should hear it.

There were few dry eyes in the large auditorium when the panel had finished.

A living witness

We had heard of the power and simplicity of the every-session devotions of Mrs. J. R. Lobaugh, recording secretary of WMU of the Southern Baptist Convention. We weren't disappointed.

Mrs. Lobaugh's everyday life in her neighborhood is a living witness that has brought many to her Lord. It is also a continuing ministry and one that can be practiced in every neighborhood in the land.

With the deaf

JOE Johnson, pastor to the deaf of First Church, Little Rock, spoke with enthusiasm of his ministry. Mr. Johnson holds weekly Sunday School classes for children of the Arkansas School for the Deaf at Little Rock in addition to his other work with those who have lost their hearing.

One of the morning's most touching moments was a duet by Mr. Mulkey and Mr. Johnson. As



Mr. Mulkey sang audibly, Mr. Johnson sang with his graceful hands.

In Nigeria

THE session's final speaker was Miss Josephine Scaggs, one of the SBC's most famed missionaries. Miss Scaggs has received the Member of the British Empire award from the hands of Queen Elizabeth II, when Nigeria, which she serves, was a British colony. She was recently featured in a documentary film produced by the SBC's Radio and Television Commission and CBS-TV as a representative of the non-African Christian witnessing in an awakening Africa.

Miss Scaggs speaks fervently of her experiences in bringing the gospel to the heathen and of her many remarkable conversions. But, she remains a woman. When she returns from furlough this summer, there is a new house awaiting her, "And I chose the color of paint for every single room" she remarked with satisfaction.

Measuring up

Beautiful flowers, delightful food and fellowship, and bundles of favors were almost the highlights of the Executive Board luncheon served at the church.

The real highlight was the conclusion by Mrs. R. E. Snider Sr., Camden, state president. Holding a gift yardstick in her hand, she mused about measuring up. She reminisced of falling short in flower arrangements and in music appreciation and then wondered if she were not falling short, too, in "proclaiming the everlasting gospel," theme of the convention.

As one listener said, "You think Ruby is just saying, 'Hello, it's nice to have you,' or, 'Goodbye, come back.' You don't realize that she's just made a speech you'll always remember until it's over."

They say the other sessions were just as good. Hard to believe.



MRS. Snider and Mrs. R. L. Mathis, promotion director, WMU, SBC, and vice-president of Baptist World Alliance, who spoke Tuesday afternoon and again Wednesday morning.



THE auditorium of First Church during one of the sessions. The theme on a scroll is displayed in the background.



THE serving table at Monday night's reception, attended by more than 700.



MRS. White and Mr. Mulkey

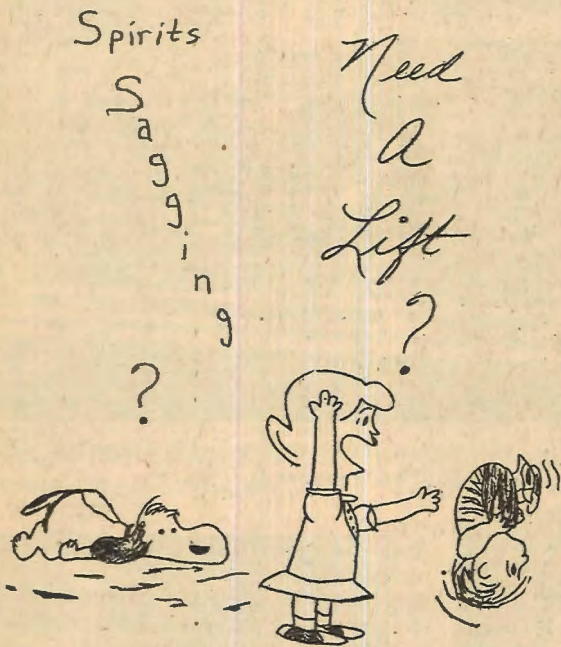


MRS. John A. Abernathy, missionary emeritus to China, Philippines and Korea, in native dress with Miss Scaggs, missionary to Nigeria. Mrs. Abernathy spoke on the Orient Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon.



OFFICERS FOR 1966-67—Mrs. Buford Bracy, Little Rock, vice president; Mrs. Snider, president; Miss Cooper, executive secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Jack Royce, Little Rock, recording secretary.

From the churches . . .



JOIN US IN A WEEK OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

MAR. 27 - APR. 3
at
10 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
101 N. ELM ST.

JOHN TIERNEY
GUEST SPEAKER

ROBERT MCCONNELL
GUEST MUSIC DIRECTOR

NURSERY PROVIDED

Mulberry First

COMPLETE remodeling of the auditorium is well underway.

The \$30,000 in improvements will include a modern masonry and glass entrance; veneering of the existing outside walls; new ceilings; new lighting; a new balcony and stairs; rostrum and platform area; refinishing of walls and furniture; new heating and air conditioning equipment for auditorium and educational building.

Plans were drawn by the Architectural Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville; Ray Jackson, a deacon in the church, is contractor. Charles Holcomb is pastor.—Reporter.

Little Rock Second

THE church has unanimously voted to establish the Shannon Hills Chapel and has commissioned Rev. Morris Young to devote two days a week to develop the work.

Little Rock Tyler St.

OUR \$2300 bond note was paid Mar. 21. A note burning ceremony was held Sunday morning, Apr. 3.

Stuttgart North Maple

THREE deacons were ordained Mar. 20: Lyman Shoemake, Henry Veorster and Travis Perkins. Dr. Carl Goodson of Ouachita University brought the ordination message.

Morrilton First



PASTOR Morris L. Smith presents the key of the church to Bill Strait, who served as youth pastor during Youth Week, Mar. 13-20.

Activities of the week included a presentation by the youth at the evening worship service Sunday, an all-church fellowship supper Wednesday, youth-led prayer service Thursday and all youth-filled places of leadership Sunday.

Climaxing the week was a youth-led revival with Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., evangelist, and Dennis Baw, Arkansas State Teachers College, director of music and fellowship.

JACKSONVILLE FIRST—Three-panel mailing folder announcing recent revival.



Bentonville Park Street Chapel

FOLLOWING the regular morning service Mar. 20, this mission of First Church, Bentonville, had a groundbreaking ceremony. The new building will be a 28 x 72 foot educational unit. The present unit of like size, containing the auditorium and class rooms, was built in 1961. The mission was started in Northeast Bentonville in 1956 by

First Church.

Pictured above are those who participated in the ceremony. From left to right: Mrs. Harold Schwartz, representing the women of the chapel; John Wells, representing the young people; John Smedley, mission pastor; Paul Myers, pastor, First Church; Floyd Hiatt, chairman, Mission Committee and Sunday School superintendent of the mission; and Harry C. Wigger, superintendent of Missions, Benton County Association.



North Little Rock Pike Avenue

OUR Junior High boys basketball team won the Inter-Church League tournament in the final game, over Baring Cross 62-45. The team was presented a

silver trophy at a banquet.

Pictured left to right, bottom row to top row, are members of the team: Kevin Horton, Robert Bakalekos, Donnie Bridges, Keith Horton, Greg Denton, Donnie Lamb, Billy Cox, and Mark McKeller. Coach Eddie Shirley and Manager Carroll Waters saw the team through a successful season.



Fayetteville University

WAYNE Robbins, center, University of Arkansas head baseball coach, is the newly elected president of the University Men's Fellowship Group. From left to right are Bill Blair, first vice presi-

dent; Johnny Gabbard, second vice president; Mr. Robbins; Charles Adams, secretary and treasurer; and H. D. McCarty, church pastor. The group meets twice a month at the Fayetteville Holiday Inn at 6:30 a.m. for a breakfast meeting.

Gil Stricklin of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association was guest speaker during "Life Enrichment Week" Mar. 19-27. He was assisted by the pastor.



MR. STRICKLIN

Mr. Stricklin, a lay preacher from Atlanta, Ga., spoke at both Sunday services, conducted breakfast meetings, and climaxed his campaign in Fayetteville with the Mar. 23 evening service.

Prairie Grove First

TWO deacons, Lucian L. Loman and David L. Mast, were ordained Mar. 27. Bryan Ragsdell, chairman of deacons, was moderator. Glen Curtsinger presented the candidates. Dr. Alexander Best, superintendent of missions, Washington-Madison Association, conducted the examination. Frank Hamilton led the ordination prayer. Frank Spencer, Fayetteville First Church, gave the charge, and Peter L. Petty, pastor, brought the ordination message.

Van Buren Oak Grove

SINCE Oct. 1 we have baptized 23 and have four waiting for baptism. Our 227 attendance in Sunday School Mar. 27 set a new record.

Full scholarship

MISS Dottie Eubanks, a graduating sophomore at Southern College and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Eubanks, has received a full tuition honor scholarship at the School of the Ozarks, Clarksville. She will be a biology major.



MISS EUBANKS

While at Southern she was active in Young Women's Auxiliary, Pep Club and Baptist Student Union; served as student government representative, secretary of the Biology Club and attendant to the homecoming queen in 1965-66; and was named campus queen in 1965-66.

DEATHS

Miss Loren Messenger, Little Rock, retired schoolteacher, Mar. 27.

She was a member of Pulaski Heights Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Marguerite Grisham, 43, Vilonia, Mar. 27, of injuries received Mar. 26 in an automobile accident.

She was a member of Holland Church, state secretary of the 4-H Club adult leaders and vice president of the Women's Missionary Union of Faulkner County Association.

Mrs. Ora Coufal, 64, Little Rock, Mar. 26 at Angleton, Tex.

She was a member of Second Church and the wife of Joseph Coufal.

Mrs. Flossie Marinda Griffith, 58, Cotter, wife of Silas Griffith, Mar. 19.

She was a member of Cotter Church and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen of Cotter.

Mrs. Polly Webb Mashburn, 85, Little Rock, Mar. 27.

She was a member of Calvary Church, North Little Rock.

Charles Frank Neal, 79, Little Rock, Mar. 28.

He was a retired farmer and barber. He was a former resident of Conway, a member of First Church, Clinton, and a Mason.

Edwin Harvey Boysen, 72, Little Rock, employee of Pulaski County tax assessor's office, Mar. 29.

A native of Rogers, he was a mem-

ber of Second Church, Little Rock, Pulaski Heights Masonic Lodge, Arkansas Consistory and Scimitar Shrine Temple.

Mrs. Thelma Davis McConnell, 64, Greenwood, Mar. 30.

She was the wife of Bun McConnell. Mrs. McConnell was a lifelong resident of Greenwood and a member of Greenwood Church.

J. K. Jordan, 79, Ft. Smith, Mar. 29.

He was a former mayor of Ft. Smith, a deacon in First Church, a member of Sebastian County Blue Lodge, Amrito Grotto, Western Arkansas Consistory and the U.C.T. He was past president of the Lions Club and American Legion and district commander of the American Legion and a member of the quorum court.

Norman Davis, 42, Stephens, Mar. 29.

He was a member of First Church and a Mason.

Mrs. Mayme Elizabeth Pearman Bayless, Little Rock, wife of C. Gordon Bayless, interim pastor of Calvary Church, Apr. 1.

She was born in Hartville, Mo., and was graduated from Southwestern Missouri State College, Springfield.

Mrs. Bayless was an active worker in Central Church, North Little Rock, where her husband was pastor for 13 years.

Mrs. Laura Mae Binns Whitaker, 59, Eudora, Mar. 30.

She was a member of First Church. Mrs. Whitaker was the wife of W. F. Whitaker.

Marshall Road pastor



RONALD S. GRIFFIN

RONALD S. Griffin is the new pastor of Marshall Road Church, Jacksonville.

Mr. Griffin is a graduate of the University of Corpus Christi and Southwestern Seminary.

He has served churches at Ft. Aransas, Tex., Fredrick, Okla., and Perrin, Tex.

Mr. Griffin started First Church, Sheffield Lake, O., as a mission and during his three and one half-years there saw the church grow from 31 to 303 members. For the past two years he has served Live Oak Church, Jacksboro, Tex.

Mrs. Griffin is the former Miss Martha Sexton, Cabot. They have two children, Phillip, 5, and Marsha, 1.

ANDREW Hall, pastor, First Church, Fayetteville, has been elected vice president of the Fayetteville Rotary Club and will automatically become president for the Rotary year 1967-68.

DeLAND, Fla. — Stetson University has been given \$200,000 from the Presser Foundation of Philadelphia for use in construction of a new school-of-music building. The new classroom building, to be called Theodore Presser Hall, will cost more than \$600,000, according to Stetson President J. Ollie Edmunds.



INTERNATIONAL TOUCH—Southern Baptist College had a taste of the international in recent chapel services. (Right to left) David Lau, freshman from Hong Kong; Victor Wong, professor of mathematics, Hong Kong; Oswalk Franz, Thayer, Mo., businessman who brought the guest speakers to the campus; Harold C. Hosler, pastor, First Church, Thayer; Elka Slayton, freshman from Germany; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark, chapel speakers from Maid-avale, Australia; William Izmerian, freshman from Nazareth, Israel; and Mauricio Vargas, freshman from El Salvador.

By the BAPTIST PRESS

Dirksen proposes prayer amendment

WASHINGTON — Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R., Ill.) has introduced in the United States Senate a proposed constitutional amendment which he says is designed to provide or permit voluntary prayers in public schools and other public buildings.

The Senator claims that polls show that 81 per cent of people disagree with earlier Supreme Court rulings on prayer and Bible reading in the public schools.

The bill is co-sponsored by 16 other Senators. Since this is an election year, some Baptist observers here feel it could become a campaign issue.

In 1964 seven weeks of hearings were conducted by the House Judiciary Committee on the so-called "prayer" amendments to the Constitution. Chief among these was the "Becker Amendment." The Dirksen proposal is essentially the same, except that it is not as comprehensive.

Prior to the 1964 hearings, mail to Congress was overwhelmingly in favor of some type of prayer amendment to the Constitution.

During the hearings, when the issues were debated, popular sentiment shifted 10-1 against the proposals. The Judiciary Committee took no further action then or since.

In the 88th Congress there were 115 Congressmen who introduced 152 proposed "prayer" amendments. There were 28 Senators who introduced resolutions.

Interest during the current 89th Congress, however, has been comparatively dormant with only 35 Congressmen introducing prayer amendments and only one Senator up until the time of the Dirksen proposal.

Dirksen is reported to be determined to press the issue of a prayer amendment to a vote in the Senate. He reportedly said that if the Judiciary Committee

does not report out his bill he will attach it as a rider to some other bill.

In his speech on the Senate floor Dirksen said that his proposed prayer amendment comes from confusion resulting from three court cases.

The Regents' Prayer Case in New York prohibited official prayers composed by a public agency. The Schempp Case in Pennsylvania prohibited the required reading of 10 verses of the Bible in schools daily. The Stein V. Oshinsky case prohibited kindergarten school prayers under the direction and supervision of teachers, even though it was as-

serted that they were voluntary prayers.

The Illinois Senator attacked the lack of time for children to pray in their churches and in their homes.

"Glibly and superficially," he said, "it is argued that the place for this is in the church which children attend once or twice a week, or in the home" where the time is consumed in other activities.

Dirksen claimed that the "alert hours" for children are those spent in school. "These are the hours when the habit of prayer can best be nurtured," he continued.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention presented its second Distinguished Service Award to T. B. Maston (left), professor emeritus at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Making the presentation were Foy Valentine (center), executive secretary, and John Claypool, (right) chairman, of the Christian Life Commission. Claypool is pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville. Valentine said that Maston has done more than any other person in the Southern Baptist Convention to further the cause of Christian social ethics among Southern Baptists. (BP PHOTO)

SBC approaches suggested for 1970's

NASHVILLE—In a rapidly changing world, what approaches should Baptist churches and the Southern Baptist Convention use in the decade of the 1970's in order to best minister to a world in need?

Forty-one study groups within the denomination are in the midst of a two-year study, grappling with this perplexing question. The significant answers they have suggested thus far were released recently.

The depth study, called "670 Onward," resulted in a 6-page "Message to the Churches and Denomination" from the 41 study group chairmen. In brief, they suggested:

—that churches project "a more effective and courageous program of sex education for our children and youth;"

—that churches get involved in the total life of the community, "engaging in fellowship and cooperation with other churches and denominations;"

—that churches increase their social ministries to meet the needs of distinctive groups such as children, the aged, the handicapped, divorced persons, alcoholics, juvenile delinquents and those with special needs;

Seek correlation

—that denominational agencies correlate their work to avoid overlapping even if it requires consolidation and elimination of agencies or reassignment of staff responsibilities;

—that the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee continue "to explore the possibilities of a change in the name of the convention until a suitable name is found;"

—that denominational leaders "study the possibility of encouraging and promoting a spirit of brotherhood and Christian love toward those of other denominations;"

—that denominational leaders also give "encouragement and guidance in areas of inter-faith involvement when it does not compromise our convictions and witness," and that "such an emphasis by the denomination be considered to be projected for one year;"

—that the denomination "restudy and re-evaluate relationships between church and state in view of changing times and altered questions, especially as related to health and education."

'Grass roots' study

THE suggestions came from what is called a "grass roots" study by a cross-section of 615 Baptists representing every area of the denomination. The chairmen of the 41 study groups met in Nashville last May to draft the suggestions summarizing the opinions expressed in the separate committee studies, but their suggestions were not made public

until the recent Executive Committee meeting.

The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Kansas City, Mo., in 1963, voted to ask that the grass-roots study be made. The convention will consider the long-range plan at its 1967 meeting in New Orleans.

The 6-page document was distributed to members of the Executive Committee, as information and as the opinion of the 41 study group chairmen for the 70 Onward program.

Two public opinion surveys distributed to the Executive Committee generally verified and backed up the statements, giving statistical summaries on how some Baptists feel about each of the suggestions.

The first survey was a poll of 715 Baptist denominational leaders and pastors and members of the 41 '70 Onward study groups. The second survey was sent to 537 Baptist pastors, laymen and laywomen reflecting a cross-section of the denomination.

Wide agreement

BOTH surveys disclosed general agreement with the "Message to the Churches and Denomination," although agreement to some specific items was rated only "moderately strong" or "weak."

Biggest disagreement in the first survey came to the statement suggesting continued study of the SBC name change. Twenty-one percent disagreed with the statement, and 76.5 percent agreed, including 20.4 percent who "mildly agreed."

Twenty percent in the same survey disagreed with the proposal to re-study and re-evaluate relationships between church and state in the light of changing times and altered questions.

About 17 percent disagreed with calling on denominational leaders to "encourage and promote a spirit of brotherhood and Christian love toward those of other denominations."

Progress, stagnate?

THE Message to the Churches began by saying, "Believing that we either progress or stagnate, the changing times demand changed methods, that our churches are interested in serving God and people to the best of their ability, and that our denomination wishes to serve the Lord and the churches in a more excellent way, we make the following recommendations to the churches of our fellowship in a spirit of humility and sincere earnestness, with the desire to help each church become increasingly effective and adequate in our challenging day."

One of the 20 itemized suggestions to the churches cautioned churches "to be aware of the tendency to cling to traditional concepts and practices when they do not adequately meet modern conditions and needs."

Another said, "The church must continuously re-think the institutional aspect of her life and ministry in the light of the New Testament. This may mean the presentation of a changeless Christ to a changing world by a changed method."

Other statements to the churches suggested in part:

—that churches engage in long-range planning culminated in the 1970's, and that they study the nature, purpose, function and areas of work they are pursuing;

Home emphasis

—that churches place more emphasis on the home and guard against excessive meetings and demands that will discourage family life;

—that the churches seek ways to implement the imperatives of the gospel in every area of community life;

—that the churches have a renewed emphasis upon prayer and commitment undergirding the employment of proven methods and programs of Southern Baptists;

—that the churches emphasize an improved quality of worship;

—that the churches avail themselves of the social services and resources in the community;

Meeting needs

—that the churches guard against the tendency to meet schedules rather than meet needs;

(Continued on page 18)

Proper credentials urged for SBC convention

NASHVILLE—A plea to officially-elected messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention urging them to obtain proper credentials prior to the convention in Detroit, May 24-27, has been issued here by the convention's registration secretary.

W. Fred Kendall, SBC registration secretary and executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, also called on Southern Baptist churches to elect their messengers in accordance with convention rules, and to provide them with the proper credentials as indication of their election.

More than 13,000 elected messengers (delegates) are expected to attend the convention, meeting in Cobo Hall on the banks of the Detroit River.

Kendall said he had been instructed by the convention when it met in Dallas last year to enforce the SBC constitutional provision that only those messengers be registered who present the proper credentials from their churches.

The convention authorized last year the appointment of a credentials committee to assist the registration secretary "regarding registration and seating of messengers." The seven-member credentials committee is to be appointed by the president and vice presidents of the convention at least 30 days before the convention.

Kendall said that the convention constitution requires each messenger to fill out a registration form in advance, signed by the pastor, moderator, or clerk of the church which elected the messenger. Messenger cards have been mailed to each of the 29 Baptist state conventions, and are available on request from the executive secretaries of the respective Baptist state conventions.

Churches should write requesting the number of cards they desire, Kendall said. Registration cards of former years should not be used.

Kendall said that those who show up at the convention in Detroit without proper credentials must be approved by the credentials committee before they can register. The committee will make decisions

in cases where problems arise, he said.

Last year, a large number of messengers came to the convention without credentials of any kind, Kendall explained.

"This delays registration and the clerks had to take the responsibility of making a decision concerning those presenting themselves in such a manner," he said. "Stricter enforcement of registration will be necessary this year."

The convention official also said that no church, regardless of size, can send more than ten elected messengers to the convention.

The SBC Constitution states that each Baptist church co-operating with the convention which has contributed to the convention's work during the past year is entitled to one messenger. Such churches are also entitled to one additional messenger for each 250 members, or for each \$250 paid to the work of the convention during the past year. But no church can appoint more than ten messengers.

Registration for the convention will begin at Cobo Hall in Detroit on Monday morning, May 23, at 9. Messengers should register as soon as possible after they arrive, Kendall said.

The messengers should present pre-signed credentials to the registration clerks, listing on the card the name of the hotel or motel or local address in Detroit.

Upon registration, messengers will receive a badge, a program, and the official ballots for use in voting. They may also purchase a Book of Reports.

Computer-type punch cards will be used as official convention ballots for the second time at the Detroit convention.

"All of this points up to the fact that each church must follow the procedure as set out and elect its messengers, certify them, and provide them with the proper credentials to present at the registration area at the convention," Kendall said.

SBC approaches

(Continued from page 17)

—that the churches orientate new converts and new members, that they minister to inactive and indifferent members, and that they be more involved in “redemptive discipline;”

—that the churches study evangelism in depth and avoid a stereotyped, single method of evangelism and seek instead perennial evangelism;

—that the churches “be more discriminatory and discerning in demands for a trained as well as dedicated pastor,” and to be “careful in the ordination of ministers;”

—that sister churches in a community realize “that we are not competitors but partners in God’s work;”

—that the churches guard against becoming upper middle-class in culture, and that they become “a cross-section of all redeemed humanity, who love the Lord and each other.”

Other Christians

ONE section said: “We call upon the local church to cultivate a brotherly and compassionate spirit to-

ward other Christians, feeling that we can co-operate without compromising.”

Another said: “The church that does not propose to increase her specialized ministries will be left behind.”

In the “Message to the Denomination,” other statements recommended:

—that the denomination restudy the philosophy undergirding its Sunday School program, and that study continue on the philosophy of age-level grading;

—that study be given to “provide necessary help in bringing churches together with prospective pastors;”

—that aids be prepared for the churches to use in meeting “ethical and social obligations in the community and world about us;”

—that study be undertaken toward preparation of materials for Bible study plans suitable for families of varying ages;

—that emphasis be developed toward personal involvement of churches and members in the total mission program of the convention;

—that convention agencies provide “help and instruction for our youth that will properly equip them for their confrontation with current moral and intellectual issues of the world.”

FMB meets Apr. 11-13

THE appointment of a number of new missionaries and continued implementation of advance in foreign missions are among matters to be considered by the 61-member Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board during its spring meeting in Richmond, Va., Apr. 11-13.

Attending the meeting in the headquarters city will be members of the Board from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Arkansas Baptists are represented on the Board by Dr. Loyd L. Hunnicutt, pastor, Central Church, Magnolia. He is a member of the Africa and the Missionary Personnel committees.

Library offers

NASHVILLE — Three special offers will be made to church libraries through Baptist Book Stores during April, the month of church library emphasis, and National Library Week, Apr. 17-23.

New editions of “Sears List of Subject Headings,” “Dewey Deci-

mal Classification and Relative Index” and “Class 200—Religion—Dewey Decimal Classification” will be available for \$16.50, at a saving of \$3. This offer is good only when all three books are purchased.

Each customer who purchases all 20 of the books receiving special promotion during National Library Week will be entitled to receive a set of catalog cards on these books.

Also, each customer purchasing all 20 National Library Week books will be entitled to a free copy of “Baker’s Bible Atlas,” a \$7.95 value.

Joining in the promotion of National Library Week—Church Library Emphasis are the Sunday School Board’s church library department, 49 Baptist Book Stores and Broadman Press.

ABILENE, Tex.—The board of trustees at Hardin-Simmons University here has named Elwin L. Skiles, pastor of First Church, Abilene, Tex., as the Baptist school’s new president.

Skiles succeeds James H.

Landes, who resigned as president of Hardin-Simmons to become pastor of First Church, Birmingham, Ala.

Aged 53, Skiles is a native of Texas. He attended public schools in Cisco, Tex., and was a student at Hardin-Simmons, the school he will head, from 1930 to 1932.

WASHINGTON — A Baptist leader here refrained from endorsing a proposed bill for judicial review for certain acts of Congress on grounds of violation of the First Amendment. He did, however, favor judicial review in its proper context.

In the place of the proposed bill C. Emanuel Carlson asked for a “concurrent resolution” to be passed by both Houses of Congress encouraging the Supreme Court to continue its trend toward “a more liberal definition of standing to sue” on First Amendment grounds.

“If such a concurrent resolution were adopted and if it failed to move the courts, then another bill on this subject could be introduced,” he argued.

Departments

Executive Board

Church business meeting

SOMEONE has said, "What the people are not up on, they are down on." This may not be good grammar but it is good common sense. When people know the facts, they usually accept them and plan accordingly.

In order for the people (Baptist church members) to know all the facts about what a Baptist church is doing and trying to do, there should be a stated, monthly business meeting. These meetings need to be set up in the annual church calendar and adopted by the church. (Someone said, "Our church does not have a yearly calendar." To that let us say, "No wonder your church is limping along.")

A church business meeting can be interesting and could include music, fellowship dinner, and worship. A good time would be Wednesday evening after the first Sunday of the month.

Among other things, the mod-

erator should call for reports from all church organizational leaders, chairman of deacons, and chairman of the Stewardship or finance committee. These reports tell the people what the church is doing or not doing for the Master. It is best that the reports be written and passed out to the members. This enables the members to take them home for future reference.

The financial report should be thorough—showing all income and disbursements. This should be itemized to show what and how much money goes where. We write this because many questions come from those who want to know about what their churches are doing in the stewardship of money.

If more churches will give better information on receipts and disbursement of money at a regular church business meeting, it could help the members to see their need of giving more to the church.

Yours for more information about church finances at the church business meeting.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary.

PERSPECTIVE

by
Robert J. Hastings

Sterilized or fructified?

"A MAN'S life must not only be sterilized from evil; it must be fructified to good." So observes William Barclay. And so noted Jesus when he said that a man freed of one unclean spirit will soon be plagued with seven more unless he fills his life with positive good. The farmer who cleans the trash from his cistern must also refill it with fresh water.

Negativism has never been, is not, and can never be the final answer in Christian morality. Just to be "agin" anything is not enough. To illustrate, who is wealthy? The man with no bills? Hardly. He could be penniless and debtless at the same time.

Who is healthy? A baby with no infections, no abnormal temperature? Hardly. Robust health is identified with energy and vitality as well as the absence of disease.

Who is happy? The housewife with no problems? Not necessarily. Some people have no real worries, yet live on a low emotional plane.

Who is well-educated? The young man with an open mind, who has no prejudices or superstitions? Hardly. His mind could be empty as well as open.

Who is popular? The teenager with no problems? Not necessarily, since it is possible to have neither friends nor enemies.

Popularity, wealth, happiness, health—you name it! All depend on positive assets, not negativism.

Likewise with morality. The question is not so much what we are against as what we are for. "A man's life must not only be sterilized from evil; it must be fructified to good."

Sunday School

Church growth plan

INFORMATION on the Church Growth Plan for 1966-67 and onward is on the road.



MR. HATFIELD

Some information has already been shared in the Religious Education News and in this column.

Watch your recent and coming issues of *The Builder* for information.

The Sunday School Superintendents Package will feature the plan. It will be available at Book Stores Aug. 1, price \$2.25. Drop them an order today, so you will

CORRECTION

A LINE was omitted in Mar. 24's column. Corrected it would read: Monday, Apr. 25, First Church, Hope. (Place for first regional Elementary Workshop.)

get it as soon as available.

Between now and then we have printed a 15-page leaflet you might want to study. We have 200 of these available. They are free.

We will send these—"on request." Drop a postal today.

The Church Growth Plan is continuing concern at work through a church-centered, Sunday School-led, Adult-focused, correlated effort to reach people for Christ.

Let's go, and grow.—Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Secretary

The Cover

A wonderful time

WE are observing a tremendous interest among the pastors and churches in the Church Development Ministry, especially the step which calls for a community survey. Although we do not have comprehensive reports on this estimate, we are led to believe that between 60 percent and 70 percent of Arkansas Baptist churches have taken or are in the planning stage of taking a survey before the end of this associational year.

The Church Development Ministry in Arkansas is steadily gaining ground. We have not experienced a "mushroom" growth, and this may be a favorable facet, because the growth we are seeing is a permanent process. Take for example the survey: In towns and communities of less than 10,000 in population the survey is easily made permanent. This means simply that a survey as suggested by the Church Development Ministry, taken according to instructions, ends once and for all the necessity of ever having to take another census or survey. Not only is this true, but there is the added advantage of every pastor and the other workers in the church having a monthly report—an up-to-date report—of any new people who move into the church field or in the community. They also have a record of the births and deaths and other valuable information so necessary to the performance of a complete ministry by the pastor and church.

This month is about the most appropriate time of the entire year to enter the Church Development Ministry. This is a very fine time for self-examination on our part to find out how and where we have fallen short as we have ministered to our respective fields. As we examine our performances in the past, no doubt we shall see where we have passed up opportunities for ministering



—Home Mission Board photo

"... God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His son." 1 John 5:11"

to the saved and reaching the lost for Christ; and then, taking advantage of this "hindsight", we see very vividly how we can have a better church, a better community and a better world, and seeing this, put into action instead of words the methods necessary for accomplishing the real purpose of a Baptist church.

How about looking over your church building and grounds to see if these can be made more attractive? Do you have a good church sign identifying you as a Baptist church? Do you have some signs placed in appropriate places to guide the stranger who is trying to find a Baptist church or your church? Have you emphasized recently the value of a friendly and hospitable attitude on the part of your members toward every visitor or newcomer who enters your church doors? Have you made effective plans for reaching the backslidden? Have you neglected praying and visiting for your Lord and His church?

If and when you read this, and you conduct a self-examination and find yourself or your church lacking in some things, take advantage of the helps to be found in the Church Development Minis-

try. This is a ministry projected by your church. It is a part of the Mission Department of the Arkansas State Convention. The success of this ministry is without doubt. It is the very best approach to evangelism and the development of young Christians and churches to be found anywhere. We can no longer experience great revivals and ingatherings without going out where the people are and personally witnessing to them. On the other hand, we have every reason to expect great revivals and ingatherings when we follow the scriptural method of reaching the lost.

As a former full-time evangelist, we learned that an up-to-date survey was our only source of information which proved effective in finding all the lost and reaching many of them for Christ and church membership. The Christ- and church-centered mission program of the Church Development Ministry is being used very successfully in most of the state conventions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Development Ministry is working very effectively in the State of Arkansas. More and more churches are being added to the growing list each month. Why don't you investigate the possibility of your own church being helped by this ministry?—R. A. Hill

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DR. W. W. EVERETT, professor of Chemistry at Ouachita University, will receive a \$50,000 research grant June 1 from the National Institute of Health.



DR. EVERETT

The three-year grant will pay for equipment used in the research, and for salaries of two undergraduate students and one technician with a B.S. in chemistry to work on the project.

Title of the research is "Bovine Plasma Albumin-Copper Ion Reaction Kinetics and Product Properties." The bovine plasma albumin is a protein found in cows' blood which has been studied extensively as a model protein.

It is now recognized that the interaction between proteins and metal ions plays an important factor in many physiological processes. The research will seek to clarify the nature of some of these interactions.

Dr. Everett has been working on this type research for several years and has published a paper on it in the "Journal of Biological Chemistry."

Alliance elects

JIM McCommas, Renton, Wash., has been elected president of the Ouachita University Ministerial Association for the spring semester.

Other new officers are: Cliff Rawley, St. Louis, vice president in charge of programs; Dan Smith, North Little Rock, vice president in charge of membership; Troy Stair, Little Rock, secretary; Mike Slack, Electra, Tex., treasurer; John Brooks, Little Rock, publicity chairman.

DR. C. W. CALDWELL is serving as interim pastor of Forest Highlands Church, Little Rock.

The Bookshelf

A Dictionary of Modern English Usage, by H. W. Fowler, Second Edition, Oxford University Press, 1965, \$5

This is a very helpful volume, especially for public speakers and writers and all others who wish to find the best possible words for the expression of their thoughts.

The primary concern of the author is "to teach clear thinking and the orderly use of precise words, and to castigate whatever is slovenly, pretentious, or pedantic."

The book first appeared 39 years ago and since then there have been many changes in language. Alterations and additions have been made in this revision to do what Mr. Fowler himself might have wished to do if he had been alive today to keep his book abreast of present-day usage.

Your Pastor's Problem: A Guide for Ministers and Laymen, by William E. Hulme, 1966, \$3.95

In a chapter entitled "The Struggle for Time," the author points out that of the three different aspects of stewardship—time, talents, and possessions—the most complicated is time.

In frank detail, the author deals with: The Clergyman's Loss of Social Status and His Fear of Failure to Climb the Clerical Status Pyramid; The Spiritual Danger of "Professionalized Religion" and Loss of Personal Religion; The Difficulty of Living a Normal Family Life in "the fish bowl" atmosphere of the manse.

The Message and Its Messengers, by Daniel T. Niles, Abingdon, 1966, \$2.50

The author is general secretary of the East Asia Christian Conference and chairman of the North District of the Methodist Church in Ceylon. He has received degrees from universities in such countries as Hungary, England, the United States, and India.

In the seven chapters comprising this book, Dr. Niles takes a close look at the nature of the Christian message and discusses the changing nature of the methods now needed to deliver this message in our time.

All the Books and Chapters of the Bible, by Herbert Lockyer, Zondervan, 1966, \$4.95

This is another of the famous Lockyer "All" series of Bible study and reference books.

This volume contains a capsule commentary on every chapter in the Bible, a panoramic view of the Bible in its entirety.

It is a concise resource volume for laymen, pastors, and teachers of the Bible. It brings to life many obscure facts and information and offers easy-to-follow guidelines to further study.

Meditations on Lenten music

CHOOSING material for worship during the season before Easter is one of the most difficult of all tasks for the responsible minister of music. This period when we center our thinking on the passion of our Lord, when we try to rethink and review just how great was God's sacrifice for us demands great care in the attitudes and moods in which we participate in this activity. In reviewing hundreds of anthems and cantatas for possible use, it becomes evident that attitudes from despair all the way to wallowing in over-sentimentality and over-exuberant and carefree gaiety are available for the worshipper through published music.

We have tried to make the material we will use for the next few weeks find the most wholesome avenue of expression concerning this most important Christian season. Saccharin sweetness we will try to avoid. Complete bleakness is also objectionable, but the cross is not always pleasant. Christ in the garden is not always the most soothing part of the story of God in the world in Jesus. It is to be hoped that every worshipper will try to find the deepest meaning possible in the worship material during these days. If at times the musical expression is baffling and not easily grasped, remember that God's revelation to man is not always easily accessible either. If at times it is uniquely comforting or touching, so was Jesus' love for us all.

Let us look deeply into these days and emerge new people, better able to follow the pattern of Christ in our world, even through the garden and to the cross. (By William Arnold Epley, Minister of Music, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky)

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Revival news

WILSON Nodena Memorial Church, Mar. 20-27; Paul Stockemer, First Church, Wilson, evangelist; John Dresback, music director; 27 by profession of faith; 4 by letter; 17 rededications; Roy C. Johnson, pastor.

GREENWOOD Jenny Lind Church, Mar. 14-20; Rick Ingle, Ft. Smith, evangelist; "Red" Johnson, Mountain Home, song leader; 16 conversions; 4 by letter; Dale Barnett, pastor.

JUDSONIA First Church; Clyde Hankins, pastor, First Church, Forrest City, evangelist; Charles Mayor, minister of music, First Church, Benton, music director; 15 for baptism; 4 by letter; J. W. Royal, pastor.

MALVERN First Church, Mar. 14-20; Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Little Rock, evangelist; Mark Short, music director; 7 for baptism; Merle Johnson, pastor.

FISHER First Church, Trinity Association, Mar. 20-29; Dr. C. W. Caldwell, evangelist; Dennis Cook, Weiner, music director; 4 for baptism; Shelby Bittle, pastor.

DUMAS First Church, Mar. 20-27; Tom Elliff, Ruffin Snow and Glenda Plummer, revival team; 5 by profession of faith; 1 by letter; 40 rededications; Mason E. Bondurant, pastor.

PINE BLUFF Centennial Church, Apr. 25-May 1; Coy Sample, Almyra, evangelist; Hebert "Red" Johnson, Mountain Home, singer; J. W. Whitley, pastor.

WEST MEMPHIS Calvary, Mar. 6-13; Don Johnson, Memphis, evangelist; Larry Nelson, music director, Calvary Church, singer; 7 by baptism; 8 by letter; Talmedge Pannell, pastor.

LITTLE ROCK Baptist Tabernacle, Apr. 24-May 1; Dr. Gordon Bayless, evangelist; Clarence White, minister of music, Central Church, North Little Rock, music director; Don Hook, pastor.

STUTTGART North Maple Church, Apr. 24-May 8, tent revival; Walter Ayers, Little Rock, evangelist; Harold William Taylor, pastor.

EL DORADO Immanuel Church, Apr. 17-24; T. K. Rucker, evangelist; Robert D. Hatzfeld, singer; Roy B. Hilton, pastor.

PINE BLUFF Immanuel Church, Apr. 10-17; Dr. Dan B. Cameron, pastor, First Church, Ft. Smith, evangelist; L. H. Coleman, pastor.

PARKIN First Church; Walter K. Ayers, evangelist, Gerald Lewis, song leader; 24 conversions; 3 by letter; 1 by statement; Ben J. Rowell, pastor.

HELENA First Church, Apr. 17-24; William Kerley, evangelist; Gerald Qualls, singer; James F. Brewer, pastor.

EL DORADO East Main Church, Apr. 10-15; Dr. E. N. Wilkinson, evangelist; Van Evans, music director, First Church, El Dorado, music director; Glenn Morgan, pastor.

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JONESBORO North Main Church, Mar. 20-27; Theo Cook, North Little Rock evangelist; Eugene Thompson, Arkansas State College, singer; 5 by profession of faith; 3 for baptism; 25 for rededication; 2 by letter; B. G. Crabb, pastor.

CAMDEN Calvary Church, Apr. 10-17; Theo Cook, North Little Rock, evangelist; Wayne Carpenter, pastor.

STAR CITY First Church, May 8-15; Jim Tillman, pastor, First Church, Walnut Ridge, evangelist; Corbin Sims,

minister of music and youth, Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, music director; C. Don Cooper, pastor.

HAL Merwald, state director of Young Life and member of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, is the leader of Religious Emphasis Week, Apr. 4-8, for Arkansas Baptist Student Nurses. Music director is John A. Gilbreath, hospital administrator.

(Continued on page 7)

on present levels with white youth, then we must have special classes, and maybe even special schools. We must be sympathetic in every way possible to all that is being attempted by the government, and all others, to help solve this critical problem for which all of us are partly responsible because

of the neglect of years. We may be too late to do much real good but it would compound wrong for us, to not try.—Charles A. Jolly, Pastor, Pittsburgh Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Campus witnessing

IF the campus is a microcosm of the world, then surely the spiritual needs of the world are reflected in no small way on the campus. Whether our min-

istry to the campus is through the Student Work Department or through the ministry of the local churches, it should be above all redemptive in nature.

We would not deny the student nor discourage him from discussing the relative influence of science on religion and of religion on science, their interaction. But sooner or later the student must be confronted with the question, "What must I do to be saved?"

We would not discourage the young student from re-examining his beliefs in the light of the world-wide social revolution and the new cultural situation. But at the end of the day, he needs to come to the point where he can say, "Lord I believe, help thou mine unbelief."

We want him to become familiar with world philosophies, with what the sociologists, the psychologists, the contemporary theologians are saying. But somewhere in his crowded day's schedule we want him to find time to go aside, open his Bible, read it, accept it as a unique revelation from God, and to accept its authority as supreme in matters of faith and conduct. We want him to grow in his ability to apply its truths to his personal daily living. For there are still absolutes in our faith.

While we are not afraid for him to sit in the student union building and involve himself in lengthy discussions on the relativity of the church in today's world, we know he should get up on Sunday morning and go to a Sunday School class and participate in a discussion of God's Word, probably lead by someone who is much less gifted than his college professor, but who has a desire to share his testimony and his acquired knowledge. We still would like to see him enter the auditorium of the church, pray, sing, listen, and give with others who have found God's love inexhaustible and relevant.

In the spirit of the student active in protest crusades, we must surely lead students to "come to grips" with the essentials and absolutes of our faith. There is one essential ministry and that is the ministry of God through Jesus Christ. All others become subordinate to or dependent on this.—Harold T. Dill, Professor, Youth Religious Education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas



TRUMANN—The model of First Church here has won for the architectural firm of Adams and Albin, of Memphis, an award of merit. The design was entered in a church building exhibit awards program competition at the Triennial Conference for Architects, sponsored recently by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. A consultant in the Board's church architecture department is shown here placing the design of the floor plan above the model. Architects entered designs in nine categories. Pastor of the church is Jack Pollard.—BSSB Photo by Robert Jackson.

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Summer in Africa



MR. MURPHY



MR. NEWKIRK

TWO Baptist students will be spending their summer in Africa at the Southern Baptist mission hospitals as a result of grants from Smith, Kline, and French Laboratories of Philadelphia.

Darrell D. Newkirk, a graduate of the University of Arkansas and a summer missionary to the Pacific Northwest in 1962 with the Arkansas Student Department, will be working at the Baptist Hospital at Mbeya, Tanzania. His wife, the former June Stewart of Fayetteville, was also active in the BSU program at the University and will be traveling to Tanzania with him.

G. Doty Murphy III, a junior medical student at the University of Arkansas Medical Center, will work in Kenya with Dr. Lorne E. Brown and in Uganda with Dr. Hal B. Boone who recently spent two weeks touring Arkansas campuses.

Murphy is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Garland D. Murphy of El Dorado. He is a graduate of Rice University, where he was a member of the Baptist Student Union.

Newkirk and Doty are two of 35 American medical students who have received fellowships from the Smith, Kline, and French Laboratories, a pharma-

ceutical firm. The fellowship program is now in its seventh year having awarded 180 fellowships through 1965 to students of 74 medical schools to serve in 45 countries of Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Dr. Norton Pope, another Arkansas Baptist student, was awarded a fellowship in 1963 and also served in Africa.—Tom J. Logue, Director.

Religious Education

Siloam workers needed

THIS year's assembly at Siloam, in many respects, holds promise of being the best ever held. We have outstanding personalities for leadership. The suggested dates for attendance are as follows: *First Week, June 27-July 2*, North West, West Central, and South West Districts; *Second Week, July 4-9*, Central and North Central Districts; *Third Week, July 11-16*, North East, East Central, and South East Districts.

As usual, we need capable help for some of our service positions. All churches bringing young people to the Assembly will need to furnish adult dormitory counselors. The adult counselor will not have to pay for room, board, registration, or insurance for this week. The only exception to this would be for churches sending less than ten young people.

We will need several additional dormitory counselors for men and women for each of the three weeks beside those counselors brought by the churches.

We are in great need of a licensed lifeguard for each of the three weeks. This position pays an honorarium.

While a number of young people have been assigned as dining hall helpers, it is still possible for some people, fifteen years old and above, to serve in this capacity.

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Easter hosanna

Hosanna the angels sang
That day at break of dawn,
Was not because of budding
spring,
Or that the night had gone . . .
For when they rolled the stone
away,
Out from that empty tomb
Angelic words of Hosanna
Were for the risen King!
—Thelma Evans Romine, Piggott

Training Union

Have you heard?

SURELY you have heard about the elementary workshops to be held in four areas of Arkansas on Apr. 25, 26, 28, 29 at Hope, Ft. Smith (Grand Avenue), Paragould and Pine Bluff — 2:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.



MR. DAVIS

Workshops are for all people who work anywhere in the church with Nursery, Beginner or Primary children. The workshops are promoted by the Sunday School, Training Union, Music Department and the W.M.U.!

Out-of-state personnel are Evelyn George, Mississippi; Mrs. Robert L. Jones, Florida; Eugene Chamberlain, Baptist Sunday School Board; and Mrs. Roy Clayton, Oklahoma.

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NO NEW THING

BY ASHLEY AMES

MAN produces electricity, utilizes solar energy, employs anesthetics, uses anti-aircraft and chemical warfare techniques, and travels by jet propulsion. Long before man learned to do these things, God had equipped lower animals with these highly specialized skills.

The words "chemical warfare" and "poison gas" immediately bring to mind the skunk. Yet another little creature far removed from the skunk employs the same tactics. Some termites have "squirt guns" on their heads. If raiding ants invade their colonies, they squirt their enemies with a sticky liquid.

When a squid is under attack, he ejects into the surrounding water a black substance like India ink. Hidden by this effective smoke screen, he swims to safety, leaving behind his confused enemy.

Another type of squid, called sea arrow, gets about by means of jet propulsion. It takes in water near the front of its body. The body contracts, suddenly compressing the water and forcing it out of a tubelike funnel. This pushes the squid in the opposite direction. If the squid wishes to dart forward, it merely bends the tip of the funnel backward. Should it want to go backward, the tip is bent forward. If this has you confused, just remember that the squid isn't.

Many creatures have been using glue since time began. Honeybees use a special substance from certain buds to repair cracks in their homes.

How nice if all the ugly billboards lining our highways were as lovely as the ones Nature erects! For instance, the flowering dogwood has flowers so small



The Easter Season

BY THELMA C. CARTER

MIRACULOUSLY, the world at the Easter season has a fresh, new, beautiful look. Even the blue clouds at midday often have a special, clean look as though spring showers had just passed their way.

Artists will tell you that they like to paint the spring scenes about them. They also will tell you they must work quickly to catch the shining rainbow colors of dawn and sunset.

Take a moment to look about you Easter morning on your way to church. You may see daffodils, tulips, crocuses, daisies, and fragrant lilacs. The whole world seems to have laid aside its worn, unlovely cloak of winter to slip into a bright, shining coat of beauty and promise.

How can we ever doubt that God's hand gives us this special beauty at Easter? Perhaps the scene is similar to that on the first Easter long ago near Jerusalem.

That wonderful resurrection morning two women ran with wonder and joy from the garden of Joseph, where Jesus had been buried. The Bible tells that they hurried to Jerusalem to tell the disciples the tomb was empty.

An angel had told them, "He is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay" (Matthew 28:6).

Like the fresh, new, beautiful appearance of the world of nature, the hopes of Jesus' followers came alive anew. The same result comes today at any time of year as someone finds new life through the death and resurrection of the Lord and Saviour.

and inconspicuously colored that they might be overlooked by passing insects. The four white "petals" surrounding the tiny florets catch the eye of the passerby and advertise the wares inside.

The writer in Ecclesiastes 1:9 declares, "There is no new thing under the sun." The next time you hear that man has discovered or invented something new, look for its counterpart in nature.

Feminine philosophy -- or intuition

BY HARRIET HALL

All dressed up

A RECENT letter concerns the matter of fashions for women:

"I have been wondering about this problem for sometime. In our sex-saturated society should Christian women adopt the extremely revealing fashions such as very low-cut dresses and bikini swim suits, etc.?"

The letter continues, "What do you think about a pastor's wife coming to a public pool in a bikini? . . . Am I out of step with the times in feeling that such conduct is unbecoming to any mature Christian woman?"

Betsy Talbot Blackwell, editor-in-chief of *Mademoiselle* magazine, told a New York fashion show that skirts have no place to go but down, adding, "I am not, however, predicting that they necessarily will." Then she added, "But wouldn't it be lovely—from a purely business point of view—if they did?"

The friend who wrote the letter asking "Am I out of step" is probably not the first person to ask such a question. If she is out of step with the times, then surely a lot of the rest of us are out of step with her.

It is unthinkable to me that the wife of a minister of the Gospel would consider it proper to dress in the ultra-revealing styles of so called "high-fashion," if wearing a bikini could by any stretch of the imagination be so classified.

I would go further and say that any woman who dresses in these ultra-revealing clothes does not do it with the thought of "being proper." Surely she is out to attract attention in the first place—and no doubt, succeeds in doing so.

While we are on the subject of women's dress in general (and the minister's wife in particular) I will add a personal opinion or two.

I suppose every woman, young or old, is faced now and then with the age-old question, "What to wear?"

Most minister's wives I know must be dollar-minded with regard to clothes. If one could try on clothes without asking the price the problem would be simple. But I don't think minister's wives should look like frumps! It has been my experience that when I have been able to afford a new outfit that most of the members of the congregation seem to be just as happy about it as I am. That is, they seem to be proud of the attractive appearance a minister and his family attempt to present to the congregation.


Unfortunately, we women are not lilies of the field, so we must consider wherewithal we shall be clothed. It is comforting to say that man looketh on the outward

appearance, and that God looks on the heart. But it is also very realistic to say that "personal appearance" is very important in the matter of Christian witness. My prayer for myself, and for all those "helpmates" whose privilege it is to walk beside a minister-husband through life, is that I may develop a gracious personality through a genuine interest in others. For the minister's wife, to be interested in other people should be as natural as breathing—and nothing will so color her entire appearance. When love and kindness adorn her, she will be "all dressed up."

This quality also applies to men.

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Wit and wisdom

IN order to preach the gospel, and, at the same time to preserve life, men have had to be as "wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

History is filled with illustrations of how Baptists have had to practice wisdom and wit to protect themselves and get the gospel to the people. Educational preparation, natural endowments and keen insight have been used to God's glory and building of his Kingdom.

During most of the 17th century in England, Baptists were hard pressed as Dissenters. The state church used the heavy hand of the law to suppress them. Oft times ministers were seized during worship services and cast into prison.

George Hammond was pastor at Canterbury, and frequently preached to the neighboring communities. Overtaken by a storm on a preaching mission, he took

shelter under a large tree. Another man sought refuge under the same tree, and they engaged in conversation. The stranger said he was an informer, and that he understood a conventicle was to be held in the neighborhood.

"Is that so?" queried Mr. Hammond. "I am a mantaker also."

"In that case," said the informer, "we will go together."

They reached the house where the supposed meeting was to be held, and sat for some time among the people.

"Here are the people. But where is the minister?" asked Hammond. "We cannot make a conventicle of it unless there is a minister. Either you or I must preach."

The informer declined, whereupon Mr. Hammond preached, much to the man's astonishment. He was blessed by the message and became a Christian.

Nehemiah Coxe lived at Cranfield, Bedfordshire. He was imprisoned for preaching. When he was brought to trial he pled his case in Greek. Upon examination he answered in Hebrew. The judge called for the indictment and heard him described as Nehemiah Coxe, Cordwainer. He expressed astonishment that a shoemaker and Baptist preacher

The cross

On a cross upon a lonely hill,
Our Lord they crucified.
He bowed unto His Father's
will —

For you and me He died.

Scorn not the gift of God's dear
Son

Whose life He freely gave
To bring a hope to everyone.
Of life beyond the grave.

I prayed He would my heart re-
fine

And rid it of all dross.
His Spirit filled this soul of mine
As I knelt at the cross.

Now His dear name I proudly wear
And I obey His word.

The cross of service I must bear
If I would please my Lord.

—Carl Ferrell

was a learned man.

Mr. Coxe insisted upon his right to plead his case in any language he chose. The judge upheld his plea. Since the lawyers could not understand Hebrew or Greek, the case was dismissed. The judge said to the learned counsel before him, "Well, the Cordwainer has wound you all up, gentlemen."

Fair housing

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and received affirmative signatures from 40,200 adults living in those homes.

Silence is broken

MANY had to face up to something they had conveniently ignored. The conspiracy of silence was broken! Some canvassers witnessed a poignant "struggle of the soul" by those whom they visited. Some struggled and fled the challenge by refusing to sign. Others faced up to themselves and their prejudices, coming through to victory. The Christian witness was borne again and again. One man who wanted to be president of his civic association risked what he assumed to be certain defeat by serving as a canvasser along with his wife. He stated the fact publicly just prior to the election, pointedly relating his action to life in his local church. Incidentally, he won the election in an all-white area by a 5 to 3 majority! A Negro family has since purchased a home in the community where he leads the citizens.

Open discussions

DISCUSSIONS have taken place in community gatherings, schools and churches. Many have had to take a deeper look into themselves and their Bibles. Two Southern Baptist churches in the Mt. Vernon Association have accepted Negroes into full fellowship.

The "white noose" loosens ever so slowly! Negro population in the area is inching upward. Negro families are moving into predominantly or totally white neighborhoods at the rate of one family per week—twice the rate of a year ago. Snail's pace? Yes! But even snails move. There has been no crisis, no violence, no block busting, no panic selling and moving.

Only the naive would say the problems have been solved. Only the fuzzyminded would underestimate the baffling complexity of issues and feelings. But, by God's grace, a beginning has been made. Biblical words haunt us, "If you have faith . . .", "Inasmuch as you have it . . .", "But seek first his kingdom . . .", "Which . . . proved neighbor to the man . . .?"

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THE CHURCH VICTORIOUS

TEXTS: I CORINTHIANS 15; REVELATION 7:9-10; 13-17

BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR.*

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WHEN 155 men under Col. William B. Travis found themselves surrounded by 4,000 Mexican troops under Gen. Santa Anna at the Alamo in San Antonio in 1836, the commander of the gallant little band is said to have drawn a line on the floor of the mission and to have invited all who were willing to stay there until death to step across to his side. Except for one man, all joined Col. Travis—including the famed David Crockett. Joined by 32 reinforcements, the garrison fought valiantly for several days until every man in it was killed.

When God draws a line and invites a person to step across it from the world and join him, he is not, like Col. Travis, extending an invitation to participate in ultimate defeat and death, no matter how heroic. When he invites a believer to unite with the forces of the redeemed in his church, he is offering a chance to share in ultimate victory, no matter how large the enemy horde on the outside.

Today's lesson, the third and final of a short series on the church, considers its victorious destiny.

I. A victorious Saviour, I Cor. 15:20-28

A MAJOR reason that the church will be victorious is that it worships a victorious Saviour. When Jesus ascended to the Father following his conquest of the death of the cross, he was exalted at the right hand of God (Acts 2:33). There he directs a campaign to subdue his enemies and will eventually put them all under his feet. Christ himself leads the forces of righteousness toward a

glorious consummation of the long struggle between the forces of good and evil.

In I Corinthians 15:20-28, Paul declares that everything opposed to the kingdom of God will be "put under his feet," i.e., put in subjection to Jesus Christ. The last enemy that will be abolished is death itself.

As an evidence of the coming victory over death, Paul cites the experience of his Lord, who had been raised from the dead and had become "the first-fruits of them that are asleep" (v. 20). "First-fruits" referred to a handful of grain from the first of the harvest, which grain showed what could be expected from the rest of the harvest. This grain was presented in the temple as a guarantee of the harvest to come. So Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of the believer's victory over the grave.

According to Paul, the kingdom will be consummated when Christ upon his second coming (1) raises those who have died and (2) keeps alive those already alive. In this manner death will be conquered.

II. A victorious host, Rev. 7: 9-10, 13-17

THE first century of the church's history was marked by extreme persecution, and there must have been times when some of the Christians who were so brutally and unfairly treated wondered whether or not it was worth the price to follow Jesus. Even the might of the Roman Empire was turned against the faith which these early believers held dear; and two emperors, Nero and Domitian, were especially severe in their harassment of the follow-

ers of the Galilean. Nero charged the Christians with burning Rome and afflicted them sorely, but Domitian declared himself to be lord and god and demanded that he be worshipped as supreme deity. When the Christians refused, they were subjected to unbelievable acts of terror by this madman.

It was against this black backdrop that John recorded his marvelous vision which we know as the New Testament Book of Revelation. The over-all message of this inspired and inspiring book is that though the way looks dark many times, there is assurance that the outcome will be all right. The forces of evil will finally be defeated, and the church will stand triumphant forever.

In the verses selected for today's lesson, John looks across the centuries to see the final triumph of God's people. Standing before the throne of God and before Christ, the Lamb of God, was "a great multitude, which no man could number." They were out of every nation and of all tribes and peoples and tongues. They were clothed in white robes and had palm branches, symbolic of life, in their hands. The work of Christ, the Redeeming Lamb and their Protecting Shepherd, was evident in their safety before the eternal throne.

This great host has come through great oppression and has emerged victorious because of their relationship to the redeeming Christ (v. 14). Their robes have been "made white in the blood of the Lamb."

The joyous state of the eternally redeemed is graphically pictured. They serve God night and day, and he who sits on the throne will be their shelter. They will never know hunger or thirst. The sun shall never beat upon them, nor shall there be any scorching heat. The Lamb (Christ) now has become their Shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water. Sorrow will be ended as

God himself wipes away every tear from their eyes.

In a world in which the church's message is often greeted with a loud razzberry and in which church people are frequently discounted because of their identity with Christ, it is important to look beyond the chug holes underfoot to the ultimate destination. To do so makes it easier to say with the psalmist, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?" (Psalm 118:6)

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May he rest in peace

A MINISTER was calling on a church member one afternoon when his hostess' small son rushed in holding a rat by the tail, "He's dead," he assured her. "We whacked him and clammed him and busted him until"... at this point he noticed the minister... "until God called him home."

A Smile or Two

Thrice blessed

A YOUNG husband did not like hash. His wife acquired a French cookbook giving recipes for using leftovers. The next evening she had one of the fancy mixtures in a covered dish on the table. The husband reached over and raised the cover.

The wife looked questioning. "Why don't you ask the blessing first, dear?"

The husband replied, "I don't believe there is anything here that hasn't already been blessed."

Fitting

SUPPLY officer: How does your new uniform fit?

Recruit: The jacket isn't bad, but the trousers are just a little loose around the armpits.

What a way to go

"CHILDREN," said the teacher, "there's a wonderful example in the life of the ant. Every day the ant goes to work all day. Every day the ant keeps busy. And in the end what happens?"

From the back of the room came a reply: "Someone steps on him."

Poor substitute

FRED: She said she'd be faithful to the end.

Joe: That sounds good.

Fred: You think so? I'm the quarterback!

Creepin' crawler

PROSPECTIVE buyer to auto salesman: "I do a lot of driving in rush-hour traffic jams. I want a car that will really crawl."

COSMETICS: preparations used by teenagers to make them look older sooner, and by their mothers to make them look younger longer.

Attendance Report

March 27, 1966

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adms.
Alzheimer First	197	105	8
Beirne First	81	38	
Berryville Freeman Heights	131	62	
Bigelow	69	45	
Blytheville			
First	575	158	2
Chapel	84	49	
Gosnell	322	109	
Trinity	215		14
Camden			
Cullendale First	381	163	
First	498	135	2
Crossett First	513	151	
Dumas First	289	79	6
El Dorado			
Caledonia	47	38	2
Ebenezer	187	72	
Immanuel	473	176	1
Trinity	200	99	
Ft. Smith Towson Ave.	162	52	1
Greenwood First	287	122	3
Gurdon Beech St.	163	61	1
Hope First	503	118	2
Jacksonville			
First	491	163	2
Second	241	102	1
Jasper	56	39	
Jonesboro			
Central	507	183	1
Nettleton	374	125	9
Little Rock			
Immanuel	1,229	431	7
Rosedale	262	80	
McGehee First	426	135	
Magnolia Central	662	225	
Monticello Second	246	114	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	589	173	2
South Side	60	33	
Forty-Seventh St.	204	98	
Gravel Ridge First	219	83	
Runyan Chapel	65	34	2
Levy	516	185	3
Sixteenth St.	40	33	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	238	109	2
South Side	734	215	1
Tucker Ch.	37	22	
Watson Chapel	209	84	18
Springdale			
Berry St.	115	60	
First	472	138	
Star City First	247	96	1
Sylvan Hills First	330	102	
Texarkana Beech St.	493	152	
Community	35		
Van Buren			
First	466	164	
Oak Grove	227	124	9
Second	71	24	
Vandervoort First	58	23	
Walnut Ridge First	290	87	
Ward Cocklebur	43	29	3
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First	427	127	4
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Judaism in Soviet Union

NEW YORK (EP)—Soviet Judaism is far along on the road to extinction, but the Orthodox, Catholic and Baptist faiths seem to be flourishing.

So said a four-man team of clerics following an 11-day visit to Moscow and Leningrad.

The group contained a rabbi, two priests and a Protestant minister. They went as tourists, but the group received red-carpet treatment from the Soviet Ministry of Religious Cults.

Last summer's pledge by the Soviets to allow Jews to purchase Matzoth has been carried out. The food can be purchased at one bakery each in Moscow and Leningrad. But the Soviets have not carried out their promise to set up a 20-man Yeshiva Seminary to train rabbis. The Russian agreement to allow publication of 10,000 Jewish prayer books (replenishing a grossly inadequate 3,000 printed eight years ago) has had no follow-through. The Russians said they lacked the vowel types needed for religious scripts.

State lotteries

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Lotteries—since New Hampshire set up the only state-operated sweepstakes in the U.S. two years ago—are being pressed in three other states, indicating the widely practiced source of public income in foreign nations has gained some popularity in the U.S.

But it definitely is not popular with the U.S. Post Office Department and the Justice Department. Stringent rules against promotion

of lottery in any manner through use of the mails are in force. These are applicable to newspapers, advertising agencies and private individuals, among others.

Postal authorities indicated, however, that even with the strict rules, they have had only a few difficulties resulting from illicit actions.

Religious news fellowship

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The first fellowship program announced by the new Washington Journalism Center is in religious news. The program is one of several the Center will offer in other specialized reporting fields when it opens next fall.

The religious news fellowship includes an internship with *Christianity Today*, published here. Under a one-semester, \$2,000 grant, the fellow will work 20 hours a week at the magazine.

Parochial bus law

WEST MILFORD, N. J. (POAU)—The legality of providing school bus routes exclusively to transport children to parochial schools here has been challenged in a lawsuit filed March 22 by two residents of this New Jersey township.

The suit, *Fox and Jecker v. Board of Education*, is supported by Americans United for Separation of Church and State. It is the result of a unanimous decision by the West Milford Board of Education to pay for the addition of several school bus routes exclusively for pupils attending St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church School and Our Lady Queen of Peace Church School. Initially seven new routes were added. Later three more were started.

The suit alleges that use of the taxpayer's funds in establishing new routes to provide transportation to parochial schools violates state law which requires bus transportation along already established routes for pupils attending parochial and other private, nonprofit schools.

The suit charges also that the

contracts for transportation services were not approved by the county superintendent of schools, as required by state law.

It is further contended that such transportation of pupils not attending public schools violates the New Jersey Constitution and the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

Evangelism conference

BERLIN, Germany (Special)—Invitations to attend the World Congress on Evangelism to be held here this fall have now been extended to delegates from 92 countries, according to Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, chairman of the Congress.

Dr. Henry, whose magazine, *Christianity Today*, is sponsoring the Congress as a tenth anniversary event, was in Berlin for a meeting of the planning committee. He said he expects the number of countries represented at the Congress to top 100.

The Congress, called by Dr. Henry "the largest evangelical transdenominational endeavor in evangelism ever held in modern times," will be held from Oct. 26 to Nov. 4. In announcing the Congress theme—"One Race, One Gospel, One Task"—Dr. Henry said it "stresses the unity of mission which leaders hope will characterize the gathering."

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